

Matrimony

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church



The Sacrament of Marriage

Weddings are beautiful celebrations initiating a life-long covenant relationship and commitment of marriage; an “I do” to an unknown future of self-sacrificing love encompassing both joyful and challenging moments. The sacrament of marriage unites two people, a man and a woman, who become one flesh in Christ. He is their “GPS” as they navigate through the crossroads of day to day living. Their bright future is in God’s hands, accessible to them through commitment to family prayer.

Necessity of Preparation

It is only common sense that the life-long vocation of marriage requires preparation. Therefore, the Church, in her wisdom, sets standards for the couple. The process is orientated towards specific circumstances whether for those never married, those widowed, etc. Most couples who have never married can expect the sacrament preparation to take 6-8 months.

Please contact the parish office (321) 725-3066 to start the process of this momentous and sacred moment of your lives.

Biblical Reference

Have you not read that he who made them from beginning made them male and female, and said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together let not man put asunder. (Matthew 19:4-6)

A married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies she is discharged from the law. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. (Romans 7:2-3)

Teaching of the Church

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1661)

The remarriage of persons divorced from a living, lawful spouse contravenes the plan and law of God as taught by Christ. They are not separated from the Church, but they cannot receive Eucharistic communion. They will lead Christian lives especially by educating their children in the faith. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1665)

